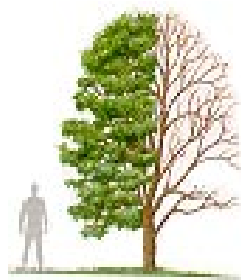


TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Paperbark Maple
Acer griseum

This deciduous tree is easily distinguished by its peeling reddish brown bark. The leaves are opposite and compound. Each leaf is composed of three elliptic leaflets with several large, blunt teeth on each side. The leaves are dark green above, and blue-white and densely covered with soft hairs beneath. The leaves turn red in autumn. This tree grows to 50 feet and is broadly columnar. A native of China, the Paperbark Maple is often found in mountain woods.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming in the new century, and it's already time to move on to 2001! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the 2000 Tree City USA Forum in Woodinville. We had a great time, and shared some fantastic ideas. With input from the Forum attendees, a brochure is in the works to assist in making more Washington communities Tree City USA participants. I want to thank the City of Woodinville, the Woodinville Tree Board, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, and Puget Sound Energy for making the event great. On behalf of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. - Sarah

Tree City USA Applications Deadline Approaching

Completed applications for 2000 Tree City USA awards must be turned in to the Urban and Community Forestry Program office by December 31, 2000. Those cities applying for recertification and growth awards also need to have their completed paperwork to us by New Year's Eve. All cities are encouraged to participate in this program from the National Arbor Day Foundation. There are four criteria for the Tree City USA designation: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and document an Arbor Day celebration and proclamation. If you are interested in finding out more about what it takes to become a Tree City USA and the benefits, or if you need assistance with your application, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Urban Forestry Grants Available for 2001

Washington's Urban and Community Forestry Program is excited to announce the availability of approximately \$100,000 for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in-kind contributions. Eligible grantees include, but are not limited to, municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The grant applications will be available in January 2001, with the final application due in March. Please call the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733 to have your name or organization added to the mailing list.

Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting four regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held February 24, 2001, in Kennewick, the second on January 25, in Wenatchee. The third workshop will be January 31, in Olympia, and the fourth and final workshop will be February 1, in Mount Vernon. These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, working out budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. For more details and to register, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Friends of Trees Hiring

Friends of Trees is seeking a full-time Development Director responsible for all aspects of development and fund-raising. Salary is dependant on experience, range in the mid-thirties. The position includes full benefits, including retirement. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Friends of Trees, 2831 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97212. For more information contact Jane Foreman, Executive Director at (503) 282-8846 ext. 14 or by e-mail at jane@friendsoftrees.org.

Arborist Training in Spokane

Spokane Community College is offering Arborists' Certification Training and Introduction to Tree Climbing during Winter Quarter 2001. The classes will be offered on Saturdays, and begin January 6, 2001. Arborists' Certification Training will be taught by Jim Flott, City of Spokane's Urban Forester, and will be Saturday mornings from 8:00-12:00. Class size is limited to 25. An International Society of Arboriculture Arborist Certification Exam will be offered on April 7, 2001, and advanced registration is required. Introduction to Tree Climbing will be taught by Rich Baker, Baker Tree Service, on Saturday afternoons from 1:00-5:00. Class size is limited to 15. For more information on the classes contact Jim Flott at (509) 363-5495 or Rich Baker at (509) 466-6559. If you would like to register, contact Spokane Community College at (509) 533-8130.

In the works (continued)

"No shade tree? Blame not the sun
but yourself."

-Chinese proverb

**TRIVIA: This layer of the trunk is only one
cell layer thick yet it produces both the
wood and bark layers. What is it??**

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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WCFC Meeting in Issaquah

The Washington Community Forestry Council (WCFC) will be meeting in Issaquah on December 13, 2000. The Council's mission is to provide leadership and vision to help citizens preserve, plant, and maintain community and urban forests. Their meetings are open to the public. For more information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

2001- A Green Odyssey

The Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and the Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association are co-hosting 2001- A Green Odyssey Leadership Conference, January 4-6, 2001. The conference will be held at the Rosario Resort on Orcas Island. Registration is \$265. For more information or to register, call 1-800-833-2186.

Trees and Utilities National Conference

The National Arbor Day Foundation is presenting the Trees and Utilities National Conference, February 6-8, 2001. The conference will be held at the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Attendees will learn how communities and utilities are meeting the challenges of growing urban trees while maintaining safe and reliable delivery of utility services. Some of the topics include tree planting, public education, research, worker training, State of the Industry, and the Tree Line USA Awards Banquet. A representative from Puget Sound Energy will be presenting information on their Tree Watch Program at the conference. You must register by January 22, 2001, to receive a discounted rate. For more information about this conference, please call NADF at 1-888-448-7337 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time, or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Guide for Plant Appraisal. 9th Edition. Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, 2000. This is the definitive book for appraising damage to trees, and has been updated in many areas. The changes include new methodology with the established procedures for trunk formula and replacement cost appraisals. There are many other procedural changes, although many of the familiar sections are still included. Also recently published is the new Guide for Plant Appraisals Workbook. The Guide and Workbook are available through the International Society of Arboriculture Pacific Northwest Chapter. The cost for the Guide is \$90 for non-members and \$72 for members. Contact the PNW-ISA for more information at (503) 874-8263.

December

4-6 2000 Washington Turf and Landscape Show, Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue. For more information, call Paul Backman at (360) 705-3049 or visit www.wwgcsa.org.

13 WCFC Meeting in Issaquah. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details.

13-14 High Desert Tree & Turf Show. Bend, Oregon. Contact Katie Kause at (541) 447-5658.

14 Understanding Slopes and Slope Stability, Seattle. PNW-ISA (503) 874-8263 or at www.pnwisa.org

29-30 Utility Vegetation Management Conference. Wilsonville, Oregon. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.

31 Tree City USA applications due. Contact 1-800-523-8733 for an application.

January

13 ISA Certification Exam, Seattle, WA. Register by December 28. Contact PNW-ISA.

15 Community Forestry Assistance Grant Applications available. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to receive your copy.

24 Grant Writing Workshop. Kennewick. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details.

25 Grant Writing Workshop. Wenatchee. Call the TreeLink hotline for details.

31 Grant Writing Workshop. Olympia. Call 1-800-523-8733 for details.